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The Honorable Erik Poulsen
Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee Chair
Washington State Senate
Post Office Box 40466
Olympia, Washington 98504-0466

Dear Senator Poulsen:

I am writing as chair of the Washington State Board of Health to support SB 5034, also introduced in the House of Representatives as HB 1024. This bill, scheduled to be heard before the Senate Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee on January 10, relates to phasing out of the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE). The Board recognizes that these compounds are building up in humans and have the potential for impacting developing brains. The Board has a policy of supporting Department of Ecology's efforts to control persistent and bioaccumulative toxic substances. Therefore, the Board supports efforts to reduce the use of PBDE in consumer products if safer alternatives are available.

Thank you for your interest in this public health issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Shelton".

Mike Shelton
Acting Chair, Washington State Board of Health

cc: Senate Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee Members
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Ms. Christina Hulet, Governor's Executive Policy Office
Ms. Janice Adair, Department of Ecology
Mr. Brian Peyton, Department of Health
Mr. Craig McLaughlin, Washington State Board of Health